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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday-Saturday: Hot at first, with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Showers and thunderstorms increasing for weekend. Highs 85-95 at first, 80s by Saturday. Lows mostly in 50s.

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Earthquakes rattle Condon

Two earthquakes rattled the community of Condon in the Swan Valley last Wednesday evening. The first event occurred at 7:27 p.m. and measured 3.2 on the Richter scale, according to Mike Stickne of the Bureau of Mines Earthquake Lab in Butte. The second jolt, which measured 4.2 on the Richter scale, occurred at 7:53 p.m., also on Wednesday, July 22. Both events were centered near Condon. Stickne pointed out that tremors had been recorded in the same location during the latter part of May.

Several Condon residents felt Wednesday's earthquake and described it as "a pretty good jolt." Stickne, though, said that an event registering 4.2 should have generated more calls than were received in Butte. When Ovando residents were shaken by an earthquake that measured 4.9 on April 1, 1984, people from all over Western Montana felt the tremor. Although Stickne said he has no reason to question the accuracy of the 4.2 measurement, he noted that it was odd for an event of that size not to be felt throughout Western Montana. So far, he has received only a handful of calls regarding the earthquake. The Butte lab will have more data available on the quake as reports come in from earthquake monitoring stations in Washington and Idaho, Stickne said.

Timber, tourism topics of Chamber meeting

Timber and tourism will be among the topics to be discussed by Bud Moore, Swan Valley resident, at the upcoming Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce meeting. That meeting is set for 6 p.m. on August 4 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

Bud Moore has been one of several local residents who have participated in discussions recently about the compatibility of the timber and tourism industries in our area.



Russell Stine paused during the recent Seeley Lake Car Show to admire this classic from the late 1930s. The Car Show attracted visitors in Seeley Lake throughout the weekend.

S. Vernon/Pathfinder

Day-hike, scheduled

A day-hike and a rendezvous celebration on Inspiration Pass are scheduled for the next two weekends in conjunction with the Great Bob Trek, which winds up at Holland Lake on August 15. The Great Bob Trek—a 350-mile walk around the Bob Marshall Wilderness—is being sponsored by the Montana Wildemess Association.

The August 1 day hike, which will follow Bob Marshall's route for about 5 miles in the Jewel Basin area, is being coordinated by James Conner, Kalispell. For more information call him at 752-8925. The hiking group, which is limited to 12 people, will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Forest Service office in Kalispell on Saturday, August 1. Res-

ervations are required and openings are still available.

On August 9, trekkers will begin the final leg of their 350-mile journey. August 9 is Bob Marshall's birthday, and a rendezvous and celebration are scheduled for 9 a.m. on Inspiration Pass. For information about joining the 2-1/2 mile hike to Inspiration Pass (on the morning of August 9), call Elaine Snyder, Kalispell, 257-8451.

Final budget next week

Missoula County commissioners will, this week, be reviewing preliminary figures for next year's budget. On Wednesday, August 5, the final budget hearings begin at about 2:30 p.m. in the Missoula County courthouse annex. Hearings will continue on Thursday and

Friday, beginning at 1:30 p.m. each day.

According to Budget Director Dan Cox, the budget, so far, reflects a "downsizing" of county government. Compared to last year, he said, there are far fewer people to answer questions and take care of taxpayers in the courthouse offices. "Come the end of August," he continued, "you're going to see a general holding pattern—no expansions, no development (of programs)." And, most of all, he said, people should come prepared to stand in line for county services.

Community-based organizations have been cut about 5%, Cox said. Some programs in the health department have been cut. Law enforcement funds have been cut. Although no programs have been killed, Cox pointed out that there will definitely be no expansions in programs, either.

OPINION

Sojourn behind the Wall

The combination of the impending bicentennial and the Iran-Contra hearings has yielded an unusually intense outpouring of patriotic sentiment. This has led your columnist to reflect upon a seminal event of his wayward youth—which indelibly stamped a young mind with the values of our system of government.

Two decades ago, while a graduate student in West Germany, the opportunity arose to visit West Berlin. There are two routes to West Berlin, one by land and one by air. The landward route was billed as more interesting and, so, that was chosen.

The frontier with East Germany was unmistakable, dotted with watchtowers and strewn with barbed wire. At the crossing, one is led into a drab little room to have documents checked. Steely-eyed soldiers are everywhere, armed with submachine guns, and roughly shepherding the lines of cowed citizenry through the process. When you finally reach the head of the line, the clerk coldly scrutinizes your passport and then rifles through a massive volume the size of a family Bible. He's looking for you in there—for a mention of crimes, real or political, against the state. Most of those being processed are West Germans, intending to visit relatives. Some are visibly trembling, unsure as to whether the book holds their name. Little interrogation cubicles can be seen down a hallway.

The drive to Berlin was a pleasant contrast, winding through picturesque East German farmlands. Lest you forget where you are, there are frequent signs along the road threatening instant imprisonment should you stray from the approved corridor.

After getting settled in West Berlin, the following day, a bleak and wintry Sunday, was spent on the other side of the Wall in East Berlin. Immediately upon entering the city, it is as though the clock has been turned back twenty years. Everything has an old, rundown appearance. Many of the buildings are still shell-pocked from World War II. Store windows display a paucity of items—old-fashioned and shoddy in design and packaging. The streets are bereft of traffic, except for the clanking of an occasional ancient streetcar. There are few pedestrians; the ones you encounter are gray-faced, hurrying on their way, eyes averted.

Much of the day was spent in the company of an East German family, "friends of a friend." Their flat consists of two small rooms—there are six people living there. The only amenity is a small black-and-white television. The curtains are drawn while they proudly show the illegal antenna to their guest—an antenna capable of picking up Western broadcasts. Their voices are hushed—government informers live in the building. They describe their yearning for freedom.

The return late that night was through "Checkpoint Charlie," the famous portal to the American zone. On the East German side, though, it was

business as usual. Dank, small room, soldiers with the everpresent submachine guns, cold eyes, an interminable wait, the daunting prospect of the interrogation cubicles. Crossing over, it is a great relief to encounter friendly, smiling G.I.'s. Immediately down the boulevard, the senses are overwhelmed by the throngs of late-night revelers, bustling traffic, garish neon signs, pulsating sounds reverberating from discos. Life, exuberance—and freedom.

The next day was spent exploring the Wall from the relative safety of the western side. (A close examination from the eastern side is not recommended.) In some spots, the watchtowers are only a few feet away—and so are the omnipresent soldiers with the killer eyes. The West Germans have erected memorials at each point along the wall where the race to freedom was lost, and some poor innocent was gunned down.

So, Sports Fans, that's a short chapter from the life of your columnist. Things have never been the same since. A similar experience should be a requirement of the civics curriculum for every student—it does wonders for complacency.

—Dick Potter

Pleased reader (gratified editor)

To the Editor:

Your editorial in the July 23, 1987 issue of the *Pathfinder*, entitled "What did the President know..." was outstanding and, I am sure, expresses the feelings of the vast majority of our nation's taxpayers.

Your paragraph beginning with "One of the most galling things..." should be reprinted.

I would like to pay the cost of sending copies of your editorial to key Senators and Congressmen, the investigating committee members and, especially, the Special Prosecutor—also, to the editors of all key newspapers in Montana—especially, the liberal (to say it mildly) *Missoulian*.

Congratulations, and please advise.

Jim Ross
Seeley Lake

(Editor's Note: Glad to oblige. The paragraph in question is: "One of the most galling things about the hearings is the sanctimonious attitude displayed by certain of the Congressional inquisitors. 'Holier than thou' finger-pointing has been escalated to new heights. This, from the same bunch which, not so long ago, spawned the Abscam scandals. And, more recently, it will be recalled that these very same pious souls authored the less than forthright maneuver to increase Congressional salaries.")

Con Contras

To the Editor:

There is some flawed thinking going on in order for anybody to consider selling arms to Iran, and sending the proceeds to the Contras, as a "neat" deal.

When the government's arms and spare parts were sold to Iran, the profits belong to the U.S. government. The Ayatollah has never sent one dime to the Contras. But, Ollie fleeced 'em by nearly doubling the price. Right? Iran's air force was largely inoperable due to lack of spare parts. If Iran can turn some of this expensive scrap into the fighting machines they once were, who got the better of the deal?

Yesterday, a convoy of U.S. warships spent six hours on full alert. On full alert against the Iranian F-4's and helicopters so recently made serviceable, thanks to Ollie and crew. How much taxpayer dough is it going to cost if the Iranians decide to turn up the heat? How many servicemen will pay with their lives? Really neat, huh?

The Contras failed to earn the support of Congress because their cause was weak in spots. Namely, democracy. They didn't know what it was. You can't blame them. Sozo wasn't exactly the best teacher. Ron wanted to help them so bad, he spent taxpayer money to send experts down to help them figure out the hard stuff, like who gets to vote and division of power in democracy, etc. They are still working on it.

Speaking of democracy, the Congress (elected by you and me) decided not to spend another million on the Contras. Their popular support is declining. Burning farmhouses seems to be their main activity. After spending millions of taxpayers dollars, the return on investment is less than nil. Really neat, huh?

Ollie did an end run on Congress. Let's cut the hero crap and do what real patriots have been doing for two hundred years: Protecting the democracy. Ollie and all those responsible should be nailed to the wall. That would be neat at any cost.

Dan Stone
Seeley Lake

Natty Bumpo



School starts Sept. 1

Seeley Lake Elementary students will be going back to school on September 1 this year. The first day of school will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Buses will run, and a bus schedule will be available later this month.

Principal John Hebnes encourages kindergarteners and students new to the district to register at Seeley Lake Elementary as soon as possible. The office is open now from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The hot lunch program at the school will begin the first day. Students are charged ninety cents per lunch and application forms will be available for free and reduced-cost lunch programs.

Junior high students are reminded that they must have a physical before they can participate in school sports.

Preschool registrations set

Two area preschools have announced pre-registration sessions for the coming school year.

Faith Preschool at Faith Lutheran Church in Condon will be conducting a pre-registration session on Friday, July 31, at 11:30 a.m. Faith Lutheran Church is located north of the Swan Valley Centre on Highway 83 near Condon. For more information call 754-2425.

The Seeley Lake Pre-School and Day Care will hold a pre-registration for the coming school year on August 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Seeley Lake Pre-School is located north of Seeley Lake on Highway 83. For more information call 677-2802.

Cabaret entertainment comes to Swan

Miss Margaret Coldiron and Mr. Christopher Hobbs, from London, will be performing at Holland Lake Lodge on August 7 and 8. The cabaret performances promise lively, professional entertainment for visitors. Loris Uhl of Holland Lake Lodge reminds guests that there will be a cover charge for this event.

Miss Coldiron has a summer home in the Seeley Swan, is a Montana native and has performed in Montana before. She has worked with the Geneva Summer Theatre, Actor's Ark Theater, San Francisco Repertory and American Conservatory Theatre. She has toured the United States with leading roles in the National Shakespeare Company, and has directed several productions. She is currently the director of Fulham Music Theatre and teaches and directs at the Drama Centre in London.

Mr. Hobbs studied with Cornelius Cardow at the Royal Academy of Music. He has given numerous concerts, lectures, and broadcasts throughout Europe and the United States, and has headed the Music Department at the Drama Centre in London since 1973. He also teaches at Leicester Polytechnic.

Swan group hosts potluck

Friends of the Swan are hosting a potluck meeting Thursday (tonight), July 30, 6:30 p.m. at the Swan Lake Clubhouse. This meeting will focus on goals for the coming year. Members of Friends of the Swan share a common interest in protecting the wild areas of the Swan Valley, according to a recent newsletter. Concerned residents are invited to attend the potluck and contribute to the discussion.

Business of the Week

1-STOP

The Baler family—Norm and Rose and sons Bill and Bob—have been operating the Seeley Lake 1-STOP Store for just a year now. The Balers have been in Seeley Lake for a long time and have watched the area steadily grow. "We're happy with the business from the community, but there are many new faces just off the highway—at least 60%," according to Bill Baler.



1-STOP offers "something for everyone," Bill says—grocery items, fast food, videos and VCR rentals, limited supply of fishing, camping and hunting supplies and an abundant supply of gasoline.

Bill believes the location, plus low gas and diesel prices "comparable with Missoula" account for the growth the store has experienced. "We try to meet the demands of the consumer," Bill says. Meeting those demands has meant expanding. The newest additions to the store are the sale of Montana lottery tickets and fishing and hunting licenses. And, the Balers plan to continue developing the land surrounding the store, while settling aside a parklike area between the store and 1st Valley Bank.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 6 pm; call 677-2022 or 754-2365.

Events
Aug 2, Art Show (William Gamradt, Wildlife Artist), Noon-3pm, Double Arrow Lodge, Seeley Lake
Aug 8, Swan Lake Huckleberry Festival, 10am-6pm, near Swan Village Market, Swan Lake.
Aug 15, Great Bob Trek Potluck/Music, Holland Lake Lodge, Condon.
Aug 6, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake 9am-2:30pm.
Aug 2, 29-31, Info Exchange (Grizzlies & Wolves), 9am-5pm, Condon Work Center, Swan Valley.
Refuse Disposal Site, May thru Sept: Weds/Sat/Sun, 10am-5pm. Swan Valley Comm Library, Memorial thru Labor Day, Weds, 10am-6pm; Fri, 10am-3pm, Condon. EMERGENCY: 911 (Seeley Lake or Condon); 1-728-0911 (Greenough or Ovando).


Clubs & Organizations
July 30, Friends of the Swan Mtg/Potluck, 6:30pm, Clubhouse, Swan Lake.
July 30, Condon Alcoholics Anon, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.
Aug 2, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake.
Aug 3, 4, 5, Senior Nutrition Program, Lunch at Noon. Open to Public. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
Aug 4, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Mtg, 6pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

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**Seventy
pitchers attend
NHPA tourney**

More than 70 horseshoe pitchers competed in the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association tournament held in Seeley Lake last Sunday. Dean Curry of Lewistown, Idaho, pitched 60 per cent ringers to capture the Class A division championship.

Dozens of pitchers also competed in the Filling Station Money Throw on Friday and Saturday. Don Larson, owner of the Filling Station, said this year's event was well-attended. Larson also made the juniper and silver horseshoe trophies which were awarded to the winners of the NHPA tournament.

Money Throw results

Singles
Darrell Beckwith, first place & Dean Curry, second, A Division. Smiley Johnson, first and Bud Sinclair, second, B Division. Mike Gribben, first and Jay Banschbach, second, C Division. Earl Casagrande, first and Leonard Resner, second, D Division. B.J. Mills, first and Frank Hingley, second, E Division.

Doubles
\$150, first place winners were Mike and Bonnie Heller. Second place, \$80, went to Dick Schoessler and Shetli Febach.

**Roger Wade
Photography**
754-2793

NHPA Tourney results

Class A
Dean Curry, Lewistown, Idaho, first, 6-1, 60.256%; Mel Miedl, Anaconda, second, 5-2, 53.278%; Rich Paul, Great Falls, third, 5-2, 51.442%.

Class B
Darrell Beckwith, Missoula, first, 7-1, 48.717%; Lou Parrett, Butte, second, 5-3, 40.623%; Wally Immonen, Butte, third, 5-3, 40.750%.

Class C
Bob JeLich, Butte, first, 7-1, 39.447%; Dick Schoessler, Bozeman, second, 5-3, 37.563%; Mike Jahner, Missoula, third, 5-3, 35.915%.

Class D
Howard Homme, Missoula, first, 6-2, 40.00%; Mike Bribber, Butte, 5-3, 38.366%; Harold Tallmadge, Troy, third, 5-3, 37.978%.

Class E
Glenn Drabant, Butte, first, 7-1, 38.055%; Mike Heller, Butte, second, 5-3, 34.946%; Bonnie Heller, Butte, third, 5-3, 30.710%.

Class F
Earl Casagrande, Butte, first, 6-2, 30.319%; Tom McCall, Helena, second, 6-2, 30.3%; Jason Lipes, Helena, third, 5-3, 25.654%.


Class G
Frank Hingley, Troy, first, 5-2, 25%; Guy Johnson, Seeley Lake, second, 5-2, 20.975%; Jim Bradley, Helena, third, 6-1, 22.115%.

Class H
B.J. Mills, Pablo, first, 7-0, 33%; Dawn Sackman, Helmsville, second, 5-2, 24.401%; Sharon Paul, Great Falls, third, 5-2, 16.746%.

**Softball tourney
this week**

The Seeley Lake Slo-Pitch Softball League tournament begins the evening of July 30 (Thursday), and will continue on August 1 and 2 at the Community Park in Seeley Lake. Seven teams will be competing in the tournament.

10-year-old Adam Sackman of Helmsville readies for a ringer at Sunday's NHPA tournament in Seeley Lake.



Easy game of softball? Well, Susan Stone did a great job of keeping Chris Goodman from home plate last Thursday evening. Stone played for the Express, Goodman played for the Swan Slammers—and the Slammers won, 9-8. The league tournament starts this week.



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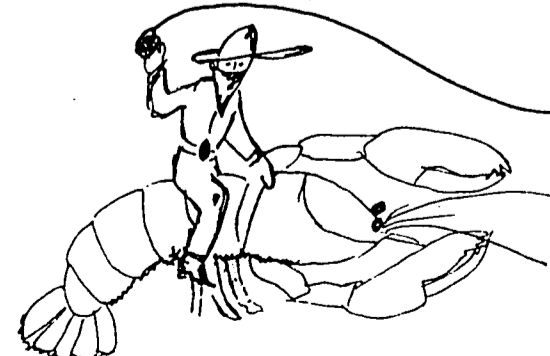
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**Seeley Lake
hosts classic
cars, antiques**

Several classic, collectible and antique cars were on display in Seeley Lake over the weekend. The People's Choice, or Best of Show, was a 1955 Chevy Bel Aire owned by Ed Dawes of Clancy, Montana. Dawes also received the award for traveling the farthest distance to this year's show.

The red and white 1955 Chevy was a "one-owner" car when Dawes purchased it about two years ago. The man who had owned it ordered the car with its 6-cylinder engine straight from the factory. The original upholstery has "never seen the light of day" and the original seat covers are still intact. There are several reasons why Dawes decided to purchase the car. One is the simple pleasure that he gets from driving it.

"You get a lot of 'all rights' and 'okays' from people on the highway," he laughed. One woman he passed on the highway this weekend leaned out the window of her car and clapped and yelled for the 1955 Chevy as it rolled by.

In the "oldest licensed and running pickup" category, LeRoy Wence of Montana Classics in Hot Springs won \$15 for his 1947 Ford 1-1/2 ton truck.

More than a dozen car collectors participated in the 1987 Car Show. The Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Company



Seeley Lake Fire Chief, Roger Burmeister (right), congratulates Ed Dawes on winning the Best of Show trophy and the farthest distance traveled awards at last week's Car Show in Seeley Lake.

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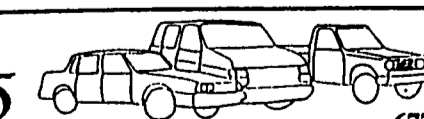
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LeRoy Wence of Montana Classics in Hot Springs won \$15 for displaying the oldest, licensed, working pickup truck—a 1947, 1-1/2 ton Ford—at last week's Car Show in Seeley Lake. His sons, Ariel (left) and Urijah (right) enjoyed the lake and the hot weather on Sunday.

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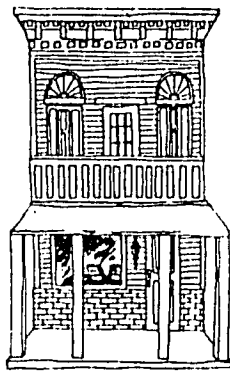
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Another vacancy on refuse board

Roger Selner recently resigned his position on the Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District board of directors, bringing the total vacancies on that board to three. Two of the three positions are for summer/seasonal residents, and the third opening is for a permanent resident of the district.

For more information about the vacancies or to apply for the volunteer positions, contact Kent Brown, chairman, 793-5595 or the Missoula County commissioners at 721-5700.

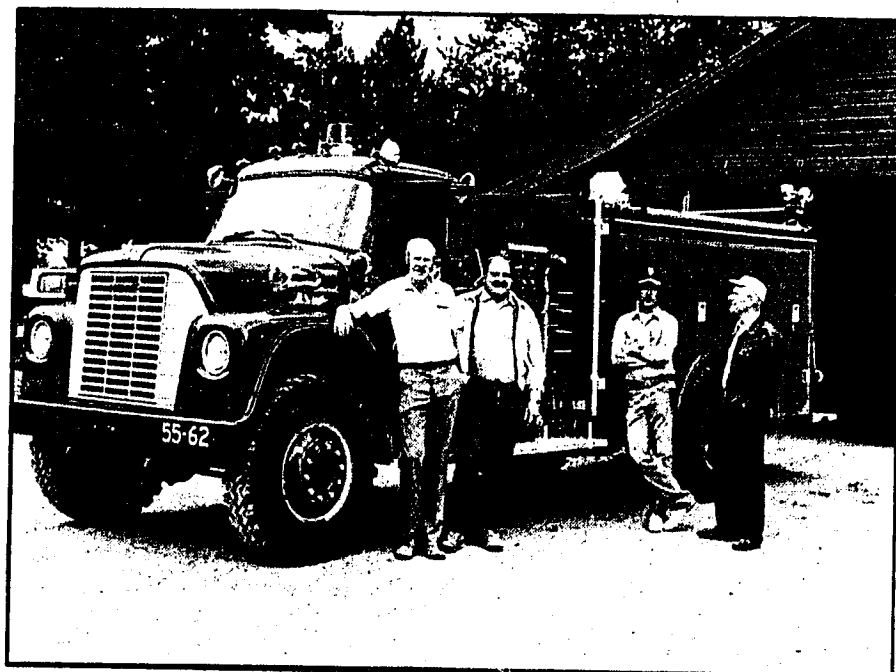
Senior Nutrition Program

The following noon meals, which are open to the public, will be served next week promptly at noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seeley Lake Community Hall:

Monday, August 3
Salmon Loaf
Tuesday, August 4
Cheeseburger Casserole
Wednesday, August 5
Hot Turkey San

CHICKEN Double Front

COMMUNITY



Seeley Lake Rural Fire District board members recently purchased this 1971 International fire truck. Standing from left to right, Dick Lewis, Bud Johnson, Colin Moon and Dave Whitesett.

District finances new fire truck

The Seeley Lake Rural Fire District last week financed the purchase of a 1971 International fire truck, which board members Bud Johnson and Colin Moon drove to Seeley Lake from California on Monday.

The district had budgeted \$7,500 toward the purchase of the new vehicle in this year's budget. Another \$22,500 was financed with a low-interest loan from 1st Valley Bank, Seeley Lake, amortized over the next two and a half years, according to Johnson, who is chairman of the district board.

The new truck has a 750-gallon tank and main pump capacity, compared to 500-gallons for the truck which the district has been using. The 1971 International is also faster than the district's other truck. The four-wheel-drive truck can be driven at 55 miles per hour with no problem, according to Duane Boulé, fire district manager. No "freeze-up" problems are expected with the new truck. Firefighting in extremely cold weather in Seeley Lake has, at times,

been hampered because of problems with the other truck. The Seeley Lake district currently plans to keep the older truck as a backup unit for firefighting.

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By Laura Bogar

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

... New beef is leaner than it used to be, from cross-bred and specially-fed cattle. Low-fat beef is even sold with brand names.

... What makes a bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich elegant? Add a few slices of buttery-rich avocado.

... It takes just minutes to "poach" pears in a microwave. Halve pears lengthwise, place cut-side down on a plate, and cover with plastic wrap. Poke a hole in the plastic and the skin of the pear. Zap on high for 2 minutes, then let stand for a minute.

... Marinate flank steak with 2 tablespoons each lemon juice and soy sauce, 1 teaspoon honey and 1/4 cup olive oil. Before soaking, stuff slivers of 3 cloves of garlic into slits in the meat. Grill over coals for super flavor.

... Help in the kitchen: cut-up vegetables from the supermarket are handy for stir-fry dishes.

... Get OUT of the kitchen, and come for dinner at HUNGRY BEAR CHALET (Milepost 38-39, Condon, 754-2240). You deserve a special meal!

Hungry Bear Chalet



Duane and Carley Boulé, Seeley Lake, recently opened their home to Lionel Schwartz, a French student visiting America with the Nacel International Youth Exchange program.

French student enjoys Seeley Lake

The first thing Lionel Schwartz noticed about Montanans is that they are friendly. "When we don't know people, we don't speak to them," Lionel said. Here, people often say "Hi" and talk to strangers. Schwartz is a 15-year old French student who has been living with Duane and Carley Boulé, Seeley Lake, for the past month.

Lionel decided he wanted to apply for the Nacel Cultural Exchange Program in America after his sister visited Colorado a year ago. The Nacel Cultural Exchange is affiliated with the President's International Youth Exchange Initiative. The initiative reflects the belief that exchanges of young people are perhaps the best long-range means to ensure close relations and mutual understanding among future generations. Lionel is from Chevigny, Saint Sauveur, France. He attends high school with 3,000 other teenagers there.

Lionel has completed three years of English and speaks the language quite well. In fact, French students are required to study English. Many, like Lionel, also speak German, Spanish or Russian.

There are other differences between Lionel's lifestyle in France and lifestyles that he has observed here. Lionel's father is an engineer, and his work sometimes takes him out of his native country. Lionel's mother is a biology professor at a nearby university. With both parents working, Lionel says he isn't often treated to the abundant home-cooking that Carley Boulé specializes in.

Lionel's parents discourage the use of television in their home. They don't own a television or have access to satellite programming. Lionel has enjoyed watching various programs here, but he says he probably won't miss them at home. When he isn't attending school all day long, from September into July, he enjoys studying, playing tennis, windsurfing on the Mediterranean Sea, playing soccer and fishing in the ocean.

Lionel plans to attend college and major in computer engineering after he finishes high school. He noted that elementary and high school students in France do not have computers in their classrooms like American students.

The Boulés have enjoyed entertaining Lionel and introducing him to the rural lifestyles of people in Montana. Lionel toured Yellowstone National Park, Virginia City, the Bison Range in the Mission Valley, and even picked cherries on Flathead Lake. Lionel has enjoyed his visit, and he hopes to return to the United States next summer. Duane and Carley have invited Lionel and his sister to spend their vacations in Seeley Lake again next year.

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Cornucopia by Michele Potter

What's the food like in a wilderness camp? If you're packing in with the Double Arrow Outfitters, the fare is pretty much the same as at home, according to Helen Rich and her mom, Gertie Calhoun — fried chicken, roast beef, casseroles, fresh vegetables and fruits. "We try to keep the menus and food we serve western or homestyle," remarked Helen. "No pheasant under glass!" said Gertie. "The glass might break," added Helen, chuckling.

C.B. and Helen Rich and Jack and Belinda Rich own and operate the Double Arrow Outfitters, with a lot of help from family members. Gertie's the source of many of the recipes which Helen and her crew of cooks have used in camp over the years. Helen, daughters Peggy and Maryanna, daughter-in-law Belinda, and granddaughter Debbie pitch in at different times as camp cooks.

Helen says her son Jack just won't allow some of their famous "trademark" recipes, like the tangy barbecue sauce or the angel cookies to be given away. On the other hand, Helen has a file overflowing with recipes she's willing to share. The two recipes here are from the Rich's camp cook's file - conventional oven temperatures are provided. Helen says she doesn't have an oven thermometer for the wood or propane ovens used in camp. She says she just doesn't need one. "After so many years, you just know."

Chicken Supreme

1 3-ounce package cream cheese softened	2 tablespoons milk
3 tablespoons margarine or butter	1 tablespoon green onion
2 cups cubed chicken	1 tablespoon pimiento
1/4 teaspoon salt	1 8-ounce can crescent dinner rolls
1/8 teaspoon pepper	3/4 cup seasoned croutons, crushed

In bowl, blend cheese and butter. Add chicken, salt, pepper, milk, green onion, pimiento and mix.

Separate rolls into 4 rectangles; press perforation to seal. Spoon 1/2 cup chicken on 4 rolls; seal edges. Brush with butter and dip in crouton crumbs. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees 20-25 minutes.

Baked Caramel Corn

1 cup butter	1/2 teaspoon soda
2 cups firmly packed brown sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup light or dark corn syrup	6 quarts popped corn
1 teaspoon salt	Salted peanuts, optional

Melt butter, stir in brown sugar, corn syrup and salt. Bring to boil, stirring constantly; boil 5 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in soda and vanilla. Pour over corn and mix well. Put in roaster and bake on a high rack at 250 degrees for 1/2 hour. Stir every 15 minutes. Watch closely as the mixture burns on the bottom easily. Add salted peanuts, if desired.

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Pastor Gale Fister, Lolo, conducted Bible study classes at Camp Utmost last week.

"store." Consequently, the well-balanced, home-cooked meals are popular, with plenty of kids lining up for second helpings. Most of the food has been donated to RMBM. "The Lord has been very good to us," Jackson said, adding that major food companies in Seattle annually donate food by-the-case to RMBM.

Conservative rules are a trademark of the RMBM camps. Romance among young people at the co-ed camps is not entirely discouraged, although behavior is monitored closely. "No PDA—public displays of affection—allowed here," Jackson chuckled. Young people respond favorably to the rules against hand-holding, for example. The rules, he believes, ease the peer pressures among boys and girls.

Counselors and youngsters take a break from Bible study each afternoon, and enjoy raft trips on the nearby Clearwater River, orienteering classes in the woods surrounding the camp, and field trips to the ghost town at Garnet.

The various groups return to camp late in the afternoon to prepare for supper and evening chapel. Later, as the sun goes down, Bible stories are told around the campfire, accompanied by plenty of singing. Children are encouraged to accept Christ into their lives, or to renew their walk with the Lord during campfire times. Often, emotional testimonies are heard, especially from children whose families have been torn apart by alcohol or divorce.

A few years ago, Frank Jackson recalls that children arrived at Camp Utmost "with a chip on their shoulder." That doesn't happen anymore, Jackson explains. "It's really neat. They come ready to abide by the rules, have fun and to participate in spiritual things." One camp counselor believes the change in attitude reflects the trend toward more conservative lifestyles among adults. At some point during their weeklong stay, most of the children "have an encounter with the Lord in one way or another," Jackson said.

Rocky Mountain Bible Mission began in 1969 and espouses evangelical, non-denominational beliefs. Financially, the organization helps small, rural Montana churches support their pastors. RMBM currently supports more than 20 churches and over 40 mission families. Local programs supported by RMBM include the AWANA youth groups in Seeley Lake and Lincoln.

The utmost Bible camp

For about 20 years, volunteers for the Rocky Mountain Bible Mission have been inviting children and young adults to Camp Utmost, a private camp facility located on land owned by Champion Timber, Inc. west of Salmon Lake. The children here come mainly from Montana communities with RMBM-affiliated churches. Not all of the children come from Christian families, though, according to RMBM director, Frank Jackson. The summer camps are open to all children, regardless of faith.

"We want to see kids accept Christ and see a little bit about what a Christian family is all about," Jackson said recently. Camp Utmost resembles a large family reunion, with several large wall tents and dozens of recreational vehicles set up near the camp. Adult volunteers act as counselors and provide discipline in the huge tents where the children sleep. The "moms and dads" read the morning and evening prayers in the camp tents, where dozens of children roll out their sleeping bags for the weeklong camps. Young people begin and end their days thinking about the Bible.

"Our primary philosophy is Bible," Jackson explained. Each morning, counselors begin their devotions, or Bible studies, at 6:30 a.m. Around 7 a.m., the young people wake up and "family" devotions are held, followed by breakfast.

Meals are an important part of life at Camp Utmost. The children aren't allowed to have any candy or junk foods, and only limited amounts of soda and beef jerky are sold at the small camp

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Hikers explore Badger-Two Medicine

by Walkin' Jim Stoltz
July 17, 1987

If there is one thing I have gained in my 15,000 miles of wilderness walking, it is a spiritual awareness, a sacred connection with the Earth which every living being shares. It's easier to feel that link in wild country, country that still holds a rainbow of diversity and life; country like the Badger-Two Medicine wilderness.

The Great Bob Trekkers had long looked forward to the Badger-Two Medicine segment. Not as just another wild place to hike through, but as a special, sacred place, a land where the traditionalists of the Blackfoot Tribe still go to practice their religion. Before entering the area, we were delighted by the hospitality of some of the tribe who drove us into Browning, fed us dinner, and shared their thoughts and some of their traditions before returning us to our camp at Swift Reservoir. We felt we had only a tiny glimpse into their culture, but it gave us a better understanding of that unique tie which they have to this area.

Eight of us, including a retired couple in their 60s, left the reservoir on a clear morning, hiking up the North Fork of Birch Creek. The trail was easy

and we all felt new and alive after a day of rain before. We camped at Steep Creek and the next morning hiked up to a high pass. Lunch that day was served with a view of stunning mountains. We enjoyed the nearby company of a mountain goat.

Descending to the headwaters of the South Fork of Badger Creek, we camped early enough for side trips. Some of us hiked across the Continental Divide to Beaver Lake, others gathered strawberries, while I felt ambitious and climbed Family peak. The birds-eye view into the heart of this wilderness was powerful, sparking my own personal communion with the mountain—which always takes me closer to my spiritual self. I came off the peak feeling peaceful and fulfilled.

Morning is a special time on the trail. The air is cool and fresh, each scent is renewed and potent, and the light filters through the trees just so. The stillness is full of sound: birds singing and water humming. The Earth is blessed.

We, too, felt blessed walking down the Badger that morning. Our steps soaked up the special zest (along with the mud of the trail), and we felt an excitement as each new bend of the canyon brought new sights and sounds: pockets of forest, shining flowers, a maze of animal tracks and the singing creek itself.

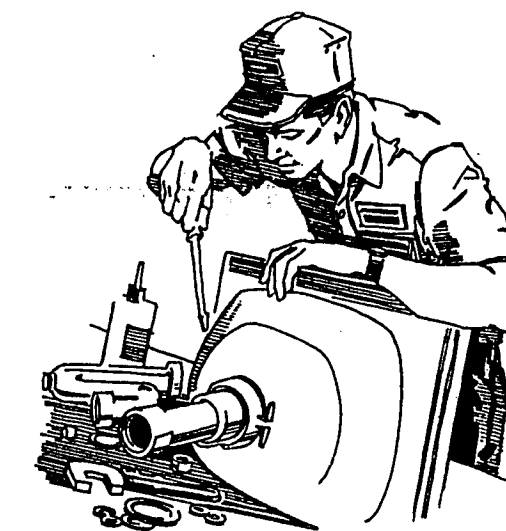
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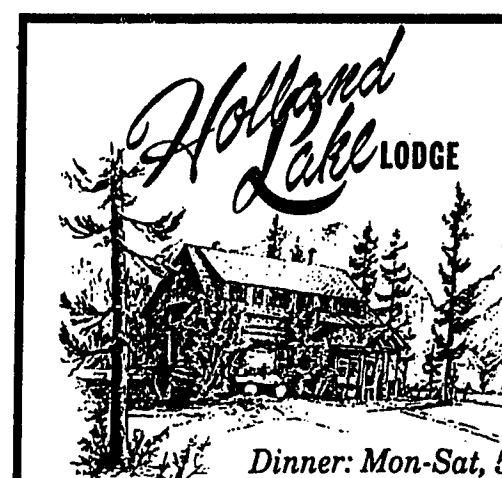
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Dan Maloughney, Swan Valley, sorts through the ashes that used to be his Midnight Mechanic Shop. An early morning fire destroyed the shop, two vehicles and thousands of dollars worth of tools earlier this week. Forest Service personnel and the Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Department responded in time to save a nearby residence. Cause of the fire is still being investigated.

Modular units arrive

The new classrooms which will house junior high students at Seeley Lake Elementary School will be completely assembled within two weeks, according to Larry Marx, Seeley Lake. Marx Construction contracted to move the modular units from Colstrip to Seeley Lake recently. The buildings are now in place behind the grade school.

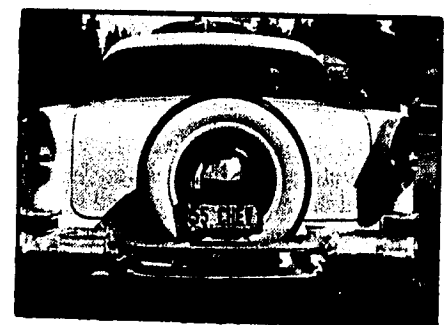
School trustees voted last week to allow Principal John Hebnes to approve possible change orders in the specifications for the modular classrooms during the next two weeks. Cost of the project will be about \$63,000.

AAL to conduct fundraiser

Members of the Aid Association for Lutherans Branch #5657 (Seeley Swan Area) will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for a local family, according to Sharon Ding, project spokesperson.

AAL will match the first \$2,000 raised by the raffle, making the fundraiser total about \$4,000 if AAL's goals are met. Tickets will be available this week. Prizes include dinners at local restaurants.

AAL has helped support several community projects during the past year. These include the purchase of a new fan for the Community Hall; the donation of money to a family devastated by a house fire; and a \$500 grant for construction of a bathroom in the Seeley Lake Fire Hall. Ongoing projects include improvements at Holy Cross and Faith Lutheran churches, and a \$500 grant for improvements for the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.



Foster family reunion this weekend


"Foster Roundup" buttons will be visible in the Seeley Swan area this week while the Foster family gathers for a reunion at the Double Arrow Ranch. One of the highlights is a public exhibit of William Gamradt's illustrations, etchings, and paintings of wildlife and landscapes of the West—to be held on Sunday, August 2, at Double Arrow Lodge.

Brig. General (ret.) and Mrs. M.Y. (Bo) Foster of Missoula are sponsoring the reunion and art exhibit. Gen. Foster was for several years Assistant Adjutant General, State of Montana, and later, Civil Defense Coordinator for the nine Western Montana counties.


Mrs. Foster was a teacher at Sacred Heart Academy in Missoula, and spent the summers from 1933 through 1940 at the Double Arrow Ranch. She is the niece of Mrs. Jan Boissevain, who was the owner of the Double Arrow Ranch in the 1930s.

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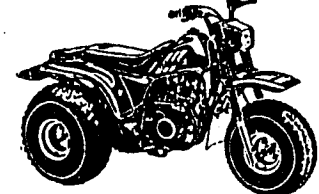
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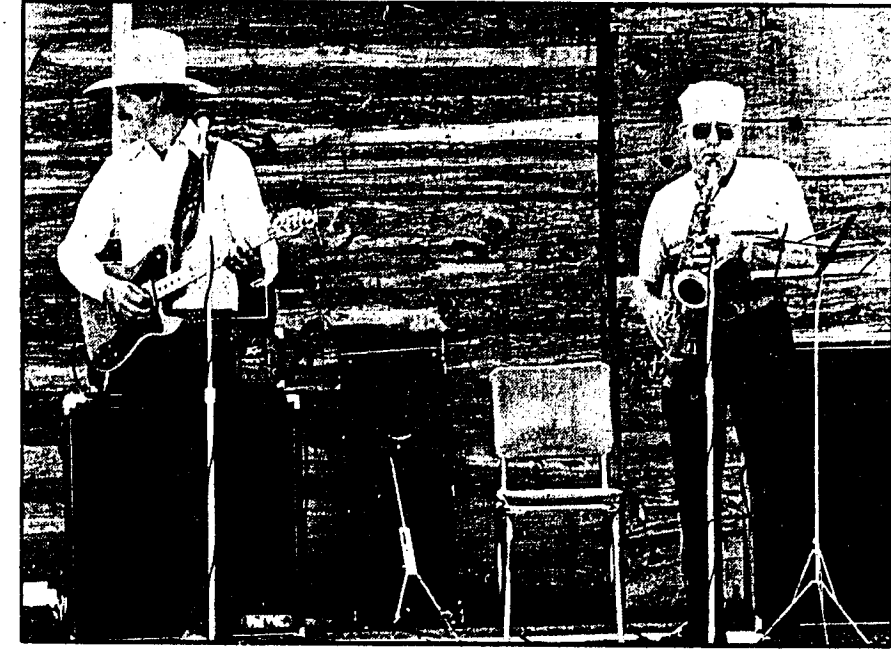


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Roy Wilhelm (left) and Paul Emerson (right) entertained hundreds of people during a jam session at Liquid Louie's in the Swan Valley last Saturday.

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

The black bears are pretty brave this time of year. Some friends of ours who live south of Seeley Lake had a black bear on their porch last week. The bruin even pressed his nose up against their picture window. A few whoops and hollers from the local residents only slightly surprised the bear. Only when the door was opened did the critter finally romp off into the woods.

Mountain lions are again in the news this week. Lucky Gerbig had a young cat in his yard early one morning, recently. The lion was apparently stalking some domestic kittens near the house. A shot fired from a pistol finally frightened the mountain lion away from the buildings.

The young whitetail bucks are congregating now, and the older ones are starting to distance themselves from the rest of the herd. Still see a lot of deer near the highway, especially during the late afternoons and evenings. Several have been hit by cars again this week.

The young hummingbirds are really active now. It won't be long, and the adults will begin their long journey south. Several birders here have recorded that the male hummers leave during the last week of July, and the youngsters migrate before the middle of August.

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It happened many years ago, on a cool October morning in a seaside village in England. A pastor was visiting in a cobbler's shop, watching him pound the leather with his hammer, and listening as the happy cobbler hummed a merry tune. Looking around the dingy little shop, with its cramped quarters and its crowded shelves, the pastor marveled that the man before him never seemed depressed.

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We are proud and deeply gratified by the overwhelming success of the 1987 Arts and Crafts Show and Sale. The enthusiasm, energy and resources of people from many communities got this enriching event off the ground. Our heartfelt thanks goes to the exhibitors, demonstrators, performers, businesses, strong backs, helping hands and smiling faces who made this all possible. You've given us good reason to look forward to next year's show. Thanks again.

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"Man," he finally said, "don't you ever get tired of this narrow life—the same thing, day after day, in this crowded little room?" The cobbler walked to a back door, opened it wide, and said: "Whenever I start feeling depressed, Pastor, I just open this door."

As the door swung open, the room was flooded with a new glory. Within the twinkling of an eye, the cramped little shop had been glorified by the vastness of its new relationship—to the fields and skies and rolling sea, and to the Creator of them all.

In a sense, it is very much the same with life in general. All of us are in danger of living within the closed doors of our immediate circumstances, looking at the same dark walls day after day, the walls of our gloomy thoughts, walls which we have placarded with our own big problems.

Bicentennial Essays (Ninth of a Series)

From Under The Liberty Tree

Jack Hane, President
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Consider this premise concerning the Constitution of the United States of America: The great worth of the document was directly dependent upon the minds and lives of those who penned it. Further, that the worth of the document rested upon the character and conscience of its writers. This premise should neither be difficult to accept nor to understand. However, where is the fount from which such character is derived, and to what can a conscience so sensitive to the needs of others be attributed?

If you will allow me to jump ahead in history and share a quote, you may better understand what I mean. In the 1830's, Alexis de Tocqueville, the eminent French philosopher, visited America to discover the secret of her greatness. He wrote the following:

"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests; it was not there. I sought for it in her free schools and her institutions of learning; it was not there. Not until I went to the churches

How different, when we open the door—and link our little lives to God's eternal purposes, to the whole panorama of His love and beauty as revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior! How different, when the fresh air and sunlight of eternity are permitted to flood into the dark and dingy cubicles of time!

Do our problems look too big for us today? Are the walls of life, as it were, closing in on us—crushing out all faith and joy and hope? Open the door! Look out—look up—look into the vastness of God's love, as He reveals it in Christ and His Word!

On the far horizon, we see those words of imperishable assurance: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:31,32)

of America and found them aflame for righteousness did I understand the greatness and genius of America. America is great because America is good. When America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Alexis de Tocqueville had a message that related the greatness of our people, our government, and our way of life directly to the source of all goodness, greatness and worth: to religion and, more specifically, to the Christian religion and the principles found in the Holy Bible. Alexis de Tocqueville's message for us today may well be that we have veered from the course of goodness. What an opportune time for us to right the course—during this bicentennial period commemorating the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America.



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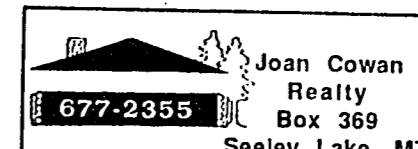
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Loons are here now—but maybe not for long

The second annual Loon Day was held on July 11, and throughout Western Montana bird enthusiasts visited local lakes and ponds, hoping to observe loons and take a few notes about the birds' behavior and general well-being. Although observations made on Loon Day have not all been compiled yet, one thing is clear, according to Bozeman researcher Don Skaar: new pairs of loons are still being discovered in Montana.

Skaar has been involved in extensive studies of loons and believes that new pairs are finding nesting areas on lakes scattered throughout Western Montana. The bad news is that these new pairs may be avoiding lakes in the Clearwater Valley.

Once a nesting site is established, loons will return to that site year after year. Since loons live for 20 years or more, they may see some drastic changes in habitat. Older pairs probably become tolerant of those changes. Skaar theorizes that a new pair of loons wouldn't be so tolerant of development and increased boating, such as that which is occurring on Seeley, Salmon and Placid lakes. So what happens when the older, more tolerant pairs die? Lakes such as Seeley, Placid and Salmon may someday lose their loons and the familiar calls that echo across the lakes each night. There is plenty of documented evidence of loon disturbance in nearly

all of the Clearwater lakes, including Lake Alva and Rainy Lake, Skaar explained.

Skaar is optimistic, though, that people can be made aware of the loons' requirements for solitude, especially in the spring of the year. Boaters, he said, should stay away from the loons, and become aware of loon behavior. When you hear the loon laugh and see a bird act excitedly nearby, it is probably a good indication of disturbance. Loons may abandon their nests and leave the chicks subject to predation after such disturbance.

The critical nesting period is nearly over now, although the young birds are still subject to prey. By August, the birds will leave their nesting sites and begin to explore other lakes in the Valley. Most loons begin their migration in September. Often the chicks are the last to leave, Skaar explained.

Bitterroot Mule Show set

The Third Annual Bitterroot Play-day and Driving Show will be held at Fort Owen Inn Arena on August 8. The show will begin with Mule and Donkey driving classes at 10 a.m. Driving classes include single and team log pulls, team obstacle race and feed team race. Dozens of other events will continue in the afternoon.

The show will be held in the arena located at Highway 93 and the Stevensville Junction. For more information call Jane Lambert, 777-5988.

Fishing Report

Seeley Lake
A few people are catching some nice rainbows in Seeley Lake, but you have to hit the lake at daybreak. The lunkers are deeper, now, and go for small spinners, marshmallows and worms. The Clearwater River is popular. It's low, and fly fishermen are catching their limit of pan-sized trout from Seeley Lake north. Not too many reports from the river around Salmon Lake.

The higher lakes in the Clearwater Valley are producing some fine cutthroat. Small orange spinners did the trick for two fishermen who caught a half-dozen nice fish in lakes west of Seeley last week.

Swan Valley

The Swan River is excellent right now for rainbow and cutthroat. Fly fishermen can wade most portions of the river. Lots of flies are out, and grasshoppers are a real temptation to those lunkers under the banks.

The lakes in the Missions are pretty good, too. Mepps spinners and, of course, worms, work pretty well during the early morning and evening hours.

Swan Lake is surrendering a few pike, but they have been small. The Kokes are biting this week, and salmon fishermen can probably fill their creels as long as the weather holds.



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Penny Pagett, a new summer employee at the Seeley Lake office, located north of the community of Seeley Lake, will be helping visitors with questions. Penny, Dolly Hill and Jodi DeHerrera also sell Forest Visitor Maps, U.S.G.S. maps and Camp Stamps at the Seeley Lake office. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Penny is the daughter of Larry and Karen Pagett, Seeley Lake. She will return to college this fall, where she is majoring in business education. Dolly Hill and Jodi DeHerrera are both residents of Seeley Lake and have worked for the Forest Service for several years.



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